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Broomfield Gets Debate Invitation

Republican Congressman William S. Broomfield has a personal invitation from Democratic candidate James G. Kellis to debate defense and foreign policy.

Kellis' special delivery letter was received by Broomfield today. The Congressman has not yet replied. The two are opponents in the Nov. 8 election.

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Broomfield Tells Kellis

Congressman William S. Broomfield won't schedule any special defense and foreign policy debates with James G. Kellis, the ex-CIA officer who is his Democratic opponent in the Nov. 8 election.

Broomfield wrote Kellis Sunday, "I have no intention of assisting you in your campaign, any more than you have in mine. My schedule already calls for three appearances with you. That would appear to be sufficient."

Joint Appearances—

Those three joint appearances, Broomfield said, are two League of Women Voters meetings, where no debating is expected, and a radio interview on WPON-Pontiac, which may come closer to the classic argument and rebuttal.

Kellis challenged Broomfield to debates on defense and foreign policy, fields in which Kellis has been extremely critical of the Republican administration. Kellis said in his letter, "I believe that we both owe it to the people of Oakland county to bring them our views on these matters."

On His Record—

Broomfield answered, "The voters are not being deprived of any possibility of making comparison between us. My legislative records, especially in the fields you have singled out, is known to them, and my campaign has been scheduled so that they have the utmost opportunity to explore that record with me.

"Records kept by impartial reporting agencies show that my attendance at roll calls and willingness to stand up and be counted on the specific issues is among the best in Congress."

Broomfield is in the midst of another trailer tour of Oakland county. He said this is the busiest tour of four he has made since 1959.

Kellis sent his letter last week after several public challenges. Broomfield said Kellis' delay in a formal invitation made it appear he was more interested in newspaper publicity than issues.

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Kellis Replies on Debate Issue

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James G. Kellis said today the reasons Republican Congressman William S. Broomfield give for not debating defense and foreign policy are "a smokescreen to cover up obvious deficiencies in your grasp of the major public issues."

Kellis, the Democratic Congressional nominee, is an ex-Air Force intelligence officer whose campaign has mainly been criticism of the Republican administration's defense and foreign policies.

He publicly challenged Broomfield on Aug. 3 to debate these topics, then repeated the invitation in a letter last week.

Broomfield declined, declaring that his voting record on these issues is well-known, that he and Kellis are scheduled for several joint appearances, and that Kellis must get his program to the voters by his own steam.

Kellis said today the programs where he and Broomfield will share the platform afford no opportunity for debate. One, he said, is the appearance of 41 candidates before the League of Woman Voters; another is a pre-recorded radio interview in which each man will have 10 minutes to speak. *Daily Tribune 9/27/60*